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1. EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON, RESPONSIBLE FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING MEDITERRANEAN POLICY), IS LEAVING TODAY FOR PORTUGAL FOR A BRIEF VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOP TO DISCUSS "MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST." A SOURCE IN THE COMMISSION HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOLD

US THAT WHILE CHEYSSON'S TALKS WILL INCLUDE A TOUR D'HORIZON, THEY WILL FOCUS ON THE COMMUNITY'S RELATIONS WITH FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES. IF THE QUESTION OF CLOSER EC-PORTUGUESE TIES BEYOND THE PRESENT FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IS RAISED, CHEYSSON WILL JUST LISTEN SINCE (A)THAT IS IN THE BAILIWICK OF EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES AND (B) IT WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS POINT TO GO INTO DETAILS ANYWAY.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS WELLENSTEIN HAS TOLD US THAT HE PLANS TO ACCEPT A PORTUGUESE INBITATION TO VISIT LISBON ON OCTOBER 22. IT IS EXPECTED HIS TALKS WILL FOCUS

ON FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND PORTUGAL AND WILL BE LARGELY EXPLORATORY, PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT PORTUGUESE THINKING ABOUT THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO ONE COMMISSION SOURCE, PORTUGUESE THINKING ON THIS PROBLEM IS PROBABLY STILL FAIRLY FUZZY, AND THIS MEETING MAY HELP BRING IT INTO FOCUS. GREENWALD

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